

Turning Points in Russia, 1914-1921

1914

August
World War I begins.

1917

March
Revolution forces the czar to abdicate. A provisional government is formed.

April
Lenin returns to Russia.

July
Russians suffer more than 50,000 casualties in battle against German and Austro-Hungarian forces.

November
A second revolution results in Bolshevik takeover of government.

December
Bolshevik government seeks peace with Germany.

1918

March
Russia signs treaty of Brest-Litovsk, losing a large amount of territory.

July
Civil war between the Reds and Whites begins.
The czar and his family are executed.

August
British, American, Japanese, and other foreign forces intervene in Russia.

1921

March
Communist government is victorious. Only sporadic fighting continues.